

# Killinchy Activity Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101086

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-07-06
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** To advance the mental, physical and spiritual welfare of young people between the ages of 14 and 25 in particular by promoting an award known as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of citizenship or community development, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Counselling/support, Cultural, Disability, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Rural development, Urban development, Volunteer development, Welfare/benevolent, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£22,000	£22,300	£0	0

# Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Emma Heaney		
Mr Brian Robert Drysdale		
Mr Gareth Brown		

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# Accounts

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KILLINCHY ACTIVITY GROUP INCOME / EXPENDITURE TO YEAR END 30th April 2025

EXPENDITURE :

INCOME :

Balance in Bank 1st May 2024      £      749.73

Grants & Donations                      £ 12,892.95

Registration Packs                        £    1,445.50

Membership Fees                         £    7,169.67

Project Work                                £     385.93

Interest                                        £     110.60

Grants & Donations                      £    1,000.00

Awards Night                                £     142.90

Insurance                                     £     730.00

Equipment                                  £     680.47

Postage & Stationary                      £      44.37

Expedition Costs                         £    7,707.56

Training                                        £    1,084.55

Project Work                                £    8,861.48

Meeting Costs                                £      45.25

Surplus                                        £    2,457.80

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KILLINCHY ACTIVITY GROUP INCOME / EXPENDITURE TO YEAR END 30th April 2024

EXPENDITURE :

Transport Costs :	
Donation	£ 340.00
Accommodation Costs	£ 1,071.00
Insurance	£ 1,680.00
Equipment	£ 1,584.00
Postage & Stationary	£ 83.18
Leader Training	£ 1,219.50
Presents	£ 59.48
Registration Packs	£ 5,390.00
Expedition Costs	£ 12,509.42
Refunds	£ 313.50
Outings & Projects	£ 4,515.36
Surplus	£ 749.73

£ 29,515.17

INCOME :

Balance in Bank 1st May 2023	£ 6,036.23
Grants & Donations	£ 5,278.00
Postage & Stationary	£ -
Registration Fees	£ 1,430.50
Membership Fees & Income	£ 15,113.46
Outings & Projects	£ 1,515.00
Sundries	£ 47.00
Interest	£ 94.98

£ 29,515.17

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# Annual report

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C/O 91 Ballydorn Road  
Killinchy  
Newtownards  
BT23 6QB

The registered trustees for the year 2023 / 2024.

Miss Emma Heaney  
Mr Gareth Brown  
Mr Brian Drysdale

Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

The year covered in our report has proved to be beneficial and productive to all our members. Overall membership numbers for the year have increased again. This is a split 69%, 31% female to male. The growing number of females is a trend we have started to observe. The annual recruitment numbers has grown due to our increased activities following the dormant period following our shut down as a result of COVID-19. In our DofE awards programme our young people who complete their various awards, can choose to move to the next level or at completion of their Gold award they can go no further and have fully completed their objectives. The numbers involved in our associated clubs has increased our overall membership by 90 during this period, which we believe is a result of the aftermath of being dormant for 2 seasons following COVID-19.

For the year 2023 / 2024 all young people who applied to our DofE programme were afforded the opportunity to take part. A number of young people have transferred in from other units to undertake their awards at all levels. Our youth club section saw an average attendance of 29 each week.

The compliment of volunteer leaders has remained at a similar level to that of the previous year.

The senior leaders continue to improve their own skills through maintaining their qualifications and taking opportunities to better their own levels of education.

Success in the operation of the organisation is gauged on the number of awards that the young people complete and the number of young people that we involve. This quantitative measurement is in real terms good. The total number of awards completed in the year being evaluated was 76 an increase of 15 on the previous year. However this is a very short term measurement as many of our young people take more than 12 months to complete any of the 3 levels of award. A more meaningful measurement of success is to look at the numbers of our young people who complete each level of the DofE Award and our unit has one of the highest if not the highest completion rates in

Northern Ireland. Our summer season of 2023 was the busiest that we have experienced since we started in 1991 a reflection of our success since the COVID close down.

The qualitative measurement of our operation is the experiences of our young, and what we might consider to be more valuable, is their life skills and experiences that they acquire from interacting with other young people from their peer groups. The good and not so good experiences from their expeditions through the good weather and the extremes that come when the weather is not so favourable. The current training environment has again stood the organisation in good stead with all those starting an expedition also having completed them.

The associated operations with the younger age groups continues to reap benefits with the regular interaction with them on a weekly basis leading to long term value in the experiences of this diverse group of young people. Our additional activities for this group continue to be well attended and they continue to remain popular. The growing numbers in these other groups is being looked at and it may be time to look at our structures again for the following season and move our youth club operation out of Killinchy Activity Group.

Financial Review:--

Turnover for 2023 / 2024 is up by £7500.00 on the previous financial year and is a reflection of the numbers of young people involved in our summer season.

We have been fortunate enough to secure several financial grants in this financial period. Alpkit Foundation £795.00 which was invested in Leader Training for First Aid and Outdoor Qualifications. Micro Community Grant £1800.00 which was used to support two wellbeing programmes for our young people to benefit from outdoor activities aimed at helping with their mental wellbeing over a 9 month period. Community Foundation £1460.00 aimed at a leadership programme. Our annual Education Authority financial support of £2683.00 to support our yearly youth programme.

The nature of the operation is still very much income meets expenditure and the objective is still to deliver a cost affordable programme of activities. The organisations reliance on unpaid volunteer leaders is a resource that would add a lot of expense if the economic value of the experience and qualifications were taken into consideration.

The equipment that the organisation uses to operate is still very serviceable but thought needs to be given to replacing some of the items such as tents and rucksack that see constant use over the expedition season. A programme of renewal is currently being implemented and should result in the sale of used equipment and replacement with new.

It would be considered feasible to maintain membership fees at similar levels unless there is an unforeseen change in circumstances such as increasing fuel costs.

Using our current financial model we would not foresee a problem in funding our programme operation over the coming 12 months.

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# Annual return

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Trustees of Killinchy Activity Group  
C/O 91 Ballydom Road  
Killinchy  
Newtownards  
BT23 6QB  
Charity No: NIC101086

31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Trustees,

**Re: Independent examiner's report for year end 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year end 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, which are set out on page 1.

**Respective responsibility of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charity Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charity Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity as required under section 65 of the Charity Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charity Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in accordance with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Aaron Stronge, Business Partner  
42a Ballydom Road, Killinchy, Newtownards. BT23 6QB

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# Accounts

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KILLINCHY ACTIVITY GROUP INCOME / EXPENDITURE TO YEAR END 30th April 2023

EXPENDITURE :

INCOME :

Grants and Donations	£	1,162.93
Ukraine Fund Raiser 2022	£	3,292.50
Hall Hire	£	885.00
Presentation nights	£	80.83
Insurance	£	970.00
Equipment	£	236.56
Crafts & Activities	£	742.26
Postage & Stationary	£	346.82
Registration Packs	£	480.00
Training & Practice expeditions	£	1,778.98
Qualifying Expeditions	£	4,655.66
Projects	£	1,091.79
Surplus	£	6,036.23

Balance in Bank 1st May 2022	£	1,160.34
Grants & Donations	£	2,420.00
Ukraine Fund Raiser 2022	£	3,292.00
Registration Packs	£	3,149.00
Membership Fees	£	11,581.50
Projects	£	144.40
Interest	£	12.32

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For the year 2022 / 2023 all young people who applied to our DofE programme were afforded the opportunity to take part. A number of young people have transferred in from other units to undertake their awards at all levels. Our youth club section saw an average attendance of 28 each week.

The compliment of volunteer leaders has increased with several young people joining as junior leaders to improve their own skills and bring back their experience to the benefit of the generation that follows them. This method of recruiting leaders has continued to provide the organisation with a dedicated reserve of personnel to draw on to lead our various activities.

The senior leaders continue to improve their own skills through maintaining their qualifications and taking opportunities to better their own levels of education.

Success in the operation of the organisation is gauged on the number of awards that the young people complete and the number of young people that we involve. This quantitative measurement is in real terms good. The total number of awards completed in the year being evaluated was 61 an increase of 5 on the previous year. However this is a very short term measurement as many of our young people take more than 12 months to complete any of the 3 levels of award. A more meaningful measurement of

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#### Financial Review:--

Turnover is similar to 2021 / 2022 a reflection on a smaller number of young people taking part in expeditions and an increase in attendance on our winter programme which has generated c£2000.00 in additional revenue. However there is also a sum of c£4500.00 in fees already paid that will not be used until the expedition season of 2023.

The main operational costs still lie in the organisations involvement in the preparation and completion of expedition work during the summer months from June to October.

The nature of the operation is still very much income meets expenditure and the objective is still to deliver a cost affordable programme of activities. The organisations reliance on unpaid volunteer leaders is a resource that would add a lot of expense if the economic value of the experience and qualifications were taken into consideration.

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Yours sincerely,



Dr Christopher D Gibson Retired Company Director  
22 Ballymorran Road, Killinchy, Newtownards. BT23 6QE